

# Guide to the Jerry Cade oral history interviews

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## **Summary Information**

**Repository:** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special

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**Contributor:** Las Vegas Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Archives Oral

**History Project** 

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**Abstract:** Oral history interviews with Jerry Cade conducted by Dennis

McBride on various dates in February, May, June, July, and November of 2003 for the Las Vegas Gay Archives Oral History Project. In these interviews, Cade recalls his early life in Kermit, Texas, his education, his Methodist upbringing, and

understanding his sexuality during high school and college. He then talks about traveling to Spain in January 1976 where he met his first romantic partner. Cade then describes moving to Las Vegas, Nevada in 1981 to work at the Community Health Centers of Southern Nevada. He also discusses other relationships he had since moving to Las Vegas, his political activism, working on the first American Medical Association panel to study AIDS in 1983, and his first AIDS patient in August 29, 1985. Cade then elaborates on the history of AIDS in Las Vegas, AIDS support and advocacy groups in Las Vegas, the public perception of AIDS and the gay community, and the repeal of Nevada's sodomy law.

#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Acquisition Note**

This interview was conducted by Dennis McBride. Materials from this oral history project were donated to UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives on an ongoing basis ending in 2016.

## **Processing Note**

Interview materials were processed by UNLV Libraries Special Collections and Archives in 2017. Jimmy Chang wrote the collection description. The audio cassette(s) for this interview have been reformatted by an external vendor into a digital format. MP3 files of the audio are available for research use. The audio has been minimally reviewed and all readily available information has been included in the description.

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## **Names and Subjects**

- Oral histories (document genres)
- Gay community
- Gay rights
- Medicine
- Political activists
- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- AIDS (Disease)